

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re U.S. Patent Application of: )  
 RAYMOND G. VERSHUM, DALE L. FOSTER )  
 and JOSEPH SPENCER OSBORNE III )  
 For: PACKAGING APPARATUS AND METHOD )  
 Filed: November 21, 2003 )

**PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Attached are the following documents:

- ☒ 27-page Patent Application;  
☒ Seven (7) sheets of drawings (FIGS. 1-10);  
☒ Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney; and,  
☒ Check in the amount of \$2,494 for the filing fee.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

			Small Entity			Other Than A Small Entity	
For:	No. Filed	No. Extra	Rate	Fee	or	Rate	Fee
Basic Fee				\$0	or		\$770
Total Claims	68 - 20 =	48	x 9 =	\$0	or	48 x 18 =	\$864
Indep. Claims	13 - 3 =	10	x 43 =	\$0	or	10 x 86 =	\$860
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			x 145 =	\$0	or	x 290 =	\$0
			Total	\$0	or	Total	\$2494

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

X Any additional filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.

X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

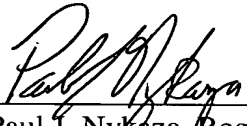
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this Application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

X Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for presentation of extra Claims.

Respectfully submitted,

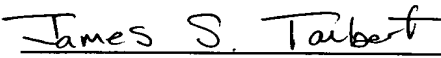
Date: November 20, 2003

By:   
Paul J. Nykaza, Registration No. 38,984  
WALLENSTEIN WAGNER & ROCKEY, LTD.  
311 South Wacker Drive, 53rd Floor  
Chicago, Illinois 60606-6630  
Telephone: 312-554-3300  
Facsimile: 312-554-3301  
Attorneys for Applicants

---

**CERTIFICATE OF HAND DELIVERY**

I hereby certify that this document is being hand delivered to Commissioner for Patents, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Alexandria, VA 22313, on November 21, 2003.

  
(187582.1)